

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-06-16

Issued at Sitka, Monday, April 11,
2016.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,
Date: April 12, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, May
1, 2017 unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2016 season is 2.06, which, according to the plan, prescribes that the resident bag limit will be three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident angler bag limit will be one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, except in May and June the nonresident bag limit will be two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. The nonresident annual limit will be six king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. In addition, a sport angler may use two rods from October through March.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (20) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

- (A) a sport fish angler may use two rods from October 1 through March 31;
- (B) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, except in May and June the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (D) the nonresident annual limit is six king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2016 season is 2.06 which equates to 65,799 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. At this abundance index level, the plan specifies a resident bag limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in May and June and one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length for the remainder of the year; a nonresident annual limit of six king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; and the opportunity for anglers to use two rods from October through March.

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